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The Board of Education believes that the educational goals of this district are best implemented by a student's exposure to the entire educational program and that every student enrolled in this district should be encouraged to complete the program of instruction appropriate to his/her needs. No student below the age of sixteen will be permitted to withdraw from school.

The Superintendent shall alert teaching staff members to identify those students who may consider eighth grade graduation the termination of their education. Any student who indicates he/she may drop out of school before entry to the ninth grade should be reported to the Building Principal and be provided with counseling.

The Board directs that efforts be made to determine the underlying reason for a student's decision to withdraw from school before the completion of the instructional program. A potential dropout student will be offered counseling and an opportunity to plan an instructional program appropriate to his/her career goals. No student under the age of eighteen will be permitted to withdraw without the written consent of the student's parent(s) or legal guardian(s).

Counseling services and information regarding high school equivalency programs will be made available to any student sixteen years of age or older who decides to withdraw from school before completion of the requirements for a diploma. A student who has withdrawn from school may apply for readmission at any time prior to his/her twentieth birthday, provided application for readmission is made at the beginning of a school term.



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Every student in this district shall be encouraged to complete the program of instruction in which he/she is enrolled, in cooperation with school staff members. Although the enrollment and attendance of persons over the age of sixteen cannot be compelled by law, school personnel shall make every reasonable effort to determine whether the school is meeting the educational needs of a student who requests withdrawal.

A. Request for Permanent Withdrawal

1. The student must obtain a withdrawal form from the Main office to be taken home for the signature of his/her parent(s) or legal guardian(s).
2. The student must meet with the designated administration to discuss the reasons for the requested withdrawal.
3. The designated administration will review the student's file to determine whether the student has received the educational services to which he/she is entitled.
4. The student will be offered an exit conference with the Principal, at which the student will be informed of:
 - a. The desirability of continuing education at some future time toward the award of a high school diploma through an Adult High School Program,
 - b. The possibility of readmission until the student is twenty years of age (or, if the student is disabled, until the end of the school year in which his/her twenty-first birthday occurs),
 - c. The possibility of further education in the Armed Forces of the United States and the application of such training toward a high school diploma pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:27-4.1, and
 - d. The continuing availability of high school counseling services.
5. The Principal will report the withdrawal and the reasons for the withdrawal to the Superintendent to satisfy state reporting requirements.

B. Transferring Students

1. A student requesting transfer to another school, public or private, must obtain from the Principal a transfer form for approval by the student's parent(s) or legal guardian(s).



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2. A parent(s) or legal guardian(s) who withdraws a student from this district shall be asked to designate the name and location of the school or school district in which he/she intends to enroll the student. The Principal shall be alert to the receipt of a request for records from that school district, for the purpose of implementing Policy No. 8462.

C. Student's Responsibilities

A student who withdraws, permanently or by transfer, must:

1. Return all books, uniforms, and other school property to the appropriate school staff member, who shall give a proper receipt for returned items;
2. Clear out his/her locker(s) and turn in any locks owned by the district;
3. Clear any obligations, for materials or fines, to the school library;
4. Pay any fines due for damaged or lost textbooks; and
5. Submit a properly authorized withdrawal or transfer form.

D. Records

1. The records of a student who transfers to another school will be sent to that school in accordance with Regulation No. 8330.
2. The permanent records of a student who withdraws from school will be retained in accordance with Regulation No. 8330.